

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7587

Petition of Vermont Electric Power Company,)
Inc., and Vermont Transco, LLC, for authority)
to condemn easement rights in property interests)
of Frank J. Mercede, Trustee, and Capital)
Financing Company, located in Newfane,)
Vermont, for the purpose of constructing the so-)
called Southern Loop Transmission Upgrade)
Project)

and

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Order entered: 3/5/2010

PROCEDURAL ORDER
AND NOTICE OF SITE VISIT

At the prehearing conference on February 2, 2010, I established a schedule that called for a site visit and technical hearings to be held during the weeks of March 8 and April 26, 2010, respectively. Subsequent to the prehearing conference, the parties have indicated that the week of April 26 presents scheduling difficulties for some witnesses. In an e-mail on February 18,

2010, counsel for Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc., and Vermont Transco, LLC (collectively, "Petitioners") indicated that the parties have agreed that the technical hearings be scheduled during the period of May 5 through 7.

First, the site visit will be Friday, March 12, 2010, commencing at 2:30 p.m. Parties should meet at the parking lot of the Newfane Market, located at 596 Vermont Route 30 across from the courthouse in Newfane, Vermont.

Second, the technical hearing will be held on May 7, 2010.

Finally, on February 19, 2010, the Department of Public Service ("Department") sent an e-mail stating that one of its witnesses, Steve Litkovitz, will be leaving the employ of the Department and begin working for Green Mountain Power Corporation ("GMP"). The Department proposes that Mr. Litkovitz provide testimony for the Department in this proceeding as a consultant under contract, and represents that the other parties and GMP have consented to this proposal. The Department asks for approval of this proposal by the Hearing Officer. Given that all involved parties do not object, I conclude that Mr. Litkovitz shall be allowed to testify, as the Department has proposed.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 5th day of March, 2010.

s/Kurt Janson

Kurt Janson
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: March 5, 2010

ATTEST: s/Susan M. Hudson

Clerk of the Board

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